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Records Review Procedure Revision

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Sensitivities in CIG/CIA Information Reports

1. The question of whether or not the city and country cited in the "Place Acquired" space are, by themselves, a sensitivity to be protected was referred to the AI/DDA on 9 February. After consulting with DDO's FOIA officials, the AI determined that:

a. The mere mention of a city, without further identification (e.g. Paris, Berlin, Babylon), does not constitute a sensitivity to be protected under current guidelines.

b. The linking of such a city with a specific reference to a CIA presence (e.g., "COS Sodom-Gomorra") is a sensitivity to be protected under current guidelines, at the Confidential level. In addition, if the citing of a country or city could in the context of all other information appearing in the report (1) identify a source; (2) reveal something about the nature of an Agency installation, organization or activity; (3) identify an Agency presence, activity or relationship which would adversely affect U.S. international relations, then the document will be retained at the Confidential level.

2. The source line or text of such information reports may contain information requiring continued protection even if there is nothing sensitive about the "Place Acquired" and should be reviewed independently.

3. The above determinations apply to CIG/CIA information reports located at AARC and/or identified in files of other agencies held by NARS.